

Amendment to the Abstract:

The Abstract has been amended. A revised Abstract is attached.

An image acquisition module for monitoring the external surroundings of a vehicle is provided. The image acquisition module ~~comprising~~ includes a housing with a protected interior against at least moisture and a window hermetically closed by a transparent element; an electronic circuit accommodated in ~~said-the~~ housing and associated with connection ~~devicemeans~~ with the exterior for supply and for bidirectional signal exchange; an image detector connected to ~~said-the~~ electronic circuit and facing ~~said-the~~ window; a support attached to the housing to carry an optical system between ~~said-the~~ image detector and ~~said-the~~ window; and positioning and releasable fixation ~~means-device~~ to enable the ~~centeringfocussing~~ of ~~said-the~~ optical system and the releasable fixation of the module to an exterior structure of a vehicle.

Attachment